



#8
7-26-02
PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 215851

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Ikemoto et al.

Art Unit: 1621

Application No. 10/086,076

Examiner: M. L. Shippen

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: PRODUCTION METHOD
CITALOPRAM, INTERMEDIATE
THEREFOR AND PRODUCTION
METHOD OF THE INTERMEDIATE

RECEIVED

JUL 11 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

The Office sets forth a restriction requirement between Group I (claim 1), Group II (claim 2), Group III (claim 3), Group IV (claims 4 and 5), Group V (claim 6), Group VI (claim 7), and Group VII (claim 17).

Group Election

Applicants elect, without traverse, claim 17 of Group VII for examination.

Conclusion

The application is considered to be in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.